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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: [redacted] 25X1
Deputy Chief, Middle America-Caribbean Division

SUBJECT: NODIS From Havana

1. At the DDI's last meeting with ALA managers, we raised the (same old) NODIS problem. The DDI indicated that if he had some specifics to work with, he would pursue the issue. (S) 25X1

2. We know of a number of NODIS cables from USINT Havana since August. We were permitted perusal of some at the NSC. This week we discussed them with the Chief of Mission, USINT, who said that we should see the cables, that he expected we would have. He slugged them NODIS for his own bureaucratic reasons, not to keep them from the Agency. (S)

3. ALA/MCD has excellent and close working relations with the Cuba Coordinator's office at State and with the mission in Havana. The only existing impediment is this NODIS business--an impediment that the Chief of Mission does not intend. (S)

4. Attached is an EXDIS cable that relates to the subject of most of the missing NODIS cables. We have the cable numbers for only two of the documents we would like to see: Havana 5116 and 5021. (S)

5. If the DDI office can attack this problem, MCD will be grateful and we all will be better off. (S)

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